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PROFILES OF UFO RESEARCHERS INVOLVED IN GOVERNMENT UFO COVER-UP RESEARCH

NICK REDFERN

Nick Redfern is a UK based investigator and author and authoritative figure on the UFO subject. He has investigated the details of this case and was one of the people to first find documents at the public records office. He is in his early thirties and lives near Walsall, Birmingham. He has authored 3 books on the UFO subject and his first book which is due out in September will be dealing heavily with the issues raised in this press release. He is quoted as saying "All rumours about covert departments of the MOD investigating UFO reports will be proved in my book". The book which is entitled *UFOs a Covert Agenda* will be published by Simon & Schuster in late September. Nick Redfern will be a speaker at the BUFORA conference in August and will be talking at length about these revelations. Nick also has the best evidence that exists for sowing that there is a government cover-up on the subject of UFOs.

Nick Redfern can be contacted through Matthew Williams or Richard Conway.

Dr. COLIN RIDYARD

Dr Colin Ridyard, Ph.D., M.R.S.C., C. Chem, has been highly interested in the UFO subject since a wave of UFO sightings over his home town on Anglesey made national news and perplexed islanders of Anglesey. A petition was started by Dr Ridyard and presented to parliament with Rt Hon Betty Williams MP and referenced to Rt Hon Ieuan Wyn Jones MP. The response to this was a statement by the MOD that they would not be investigating the matter further (details of this made national news around 17th March 1997).

Dr Ridyard has worked closely with Rt Hon Ieuan Wyn Jones MP in searching for the missing govt UFO file AIR 2/16918 and has drafted questions for the MP to table in the House of Commons. (Question: 21st March 1997 312 (21359) question on the missing file.) His work and the question asked in parliament brought forth the missing file. He is also a member of the Royal Society of Chemists and has made representations to the society on the subject of UFOs.
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MATTHEW WILLIAMS

Matthew Williams is a former civil servant working who worked for HM Customs & Excise Criminal Investigations department who since his own UFO sighting now investigates the UFO enigma full time. He has managed to get the MOD to unwittingly admit that they knew the whereabouts of the missing UFO files whilst at the same time they were spinning a web of untruths to public, press and MPs. He has also looked into the governments investigations of UFOs and had uncovered the amazing details of how one department implicated in investigations operates from a super secret facility in Corsham, Wilts which is housed underground in 35 miles of nuclear proof tunnels. Matthew has become a whistle blower on the existence of this base and a number of other secret bases. Matthew believes in direct action to expose bases and has been involved in some actions against bases.

Matthew Williams will be speaking at the BUFORA UFO Congress in August on the subject of UFO cover-ups and will be providing proof that Provost & Security services investigated UFOs - a point which the MOD deny - and providing proof of the underground 35 miles of underground tunnels that the MOD use.

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RICHARD CONWAY

Richard Conway is an undergraduate at the university of Sussex, studying economics and Spanish. He has been investigating the UFO phenomena for the past three years paying special attention to the

Bentwaters UFO incident(December 1980), where a USAF Airbase on British soil received a visit from a UFO which disarmed nuclear missiles with a light beam. He has been involved in the collection of government related UFO files for the past year and a half. His "niche" area of interest stems from the government's reluctance to admit their interest in the UFO phenomena and their subsequent denials of the resources that they devote to it's investigation. The ramifications of this are staggering because the evidence that has been gathered by the MOD (including their own conclusions of MOD investigations), it becomes clear that the government determine these 'UFOs' as a threat to the nation. He is currently organising the 1997 BUFORA international congress.
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CHRIS FOWLER

Chris Fowler of Cardiff is a diligent researcher who writes to MPs and the Ministry Of Defence for clarification of UFO sightings and policy. Over the years he has managed to get confirmation fo some sightings that have been reported to UFO groups. In November 1995 he managed to get an admission to Provost & Security Service (RAF Special Police & Intelligence unit) that they had been the co-ordination point for UFO reports. However we knew from leaks that the situation went further than this. Chris was praised by Timothy Good (world renowned UFO author) for finding this information. Later on in 1996 we learned from the File Air 2/16918 that Provost & Security service had infact been part of a secret UFO investigation unit and that the previous MOD statements were lies. Chris is available on 01222 793217.

INTRODUCTION TO UFO PRESS RELEASE

This introduction is designed to give an overview to the Press Release and help the reader understand the basic concepts involved. Areas of text in the press release pages have been highlighted to draw the readers attention to the key element points. Once the general idea of what we are talking about, we suggest that the reader then reads the documents properly in order to understand the significance of the UFO cover-up.

The information that is presented must be read with a context that the MOD denies that UFOs are of any defence significance.

We have provided a sample of documents in this press release which will show that this is not the case. Please be aware that there are many more documents which are available in the public domain which show that UFOs are of defence significance. Reference numbers are available for the reader to obtain these documents from the Public Records Office (located in Kew, London).

Both the MOD and the former "Air Staff 2" officer Nick Pope have made statements o the effect that only one department at the MOD investigates UFOs. This department is Airstaff 2. The department is now run by Kerry Philpott. The department used to be called DS8. Records exist in the public records office for this department but until 1995 no other departments were ever talked about or known to the public.

File No AIR2/16918 (Pro at Kew) provides the best evidence of a UFO cover-up by the government because it shows that 6 departments of the MOD were investigating UFOs in the 1960s.

MOD and former MOD officer Nick Pope (who authored a book on the subject) say that there were no other departments in MOD that investigated UFOs. We have now shown this to be a lie.

Because of 30 year secrecy rules we are prevented from having access to current records or details of these departments. No historical records exist at all in the public records office for some of the intelligence departments involved in UFO investigation. We find this highly suspicious - we know that these departments exist because of file AIR2/16918.

- The confirmed departments involved in UFO investigation that we know of in the 1960's are:
 - **AMOC (Air Ministries Operations Centre)**
 - **AIS (Air Information Service)**
 - **AI(Tech)4a (Air Intelligence Technical 4a)**
 - **AI(Tech)5b (Air Intelligence Technical 5b)**
 - **AI1 (Air Intelligence 1)**
 - **DSTI (Department of Scientific and Technical Intelligence)**
 - **DDI-Tech (Department of Defence Intelligence Technical)**
- Public departments investigating UFOs who were in fact simply letter writers that fronted these other departments are **DS8** & **Air Staff 2** & **S6**.
- CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) Have also conducted investigations of the UFO phenomenon and recently finished an investigation a near miss of a UFO and an airline jet coming which was coming in to land at Manchester airport.
- Extra departments rumoured to be investigating UFOs include **DI55** and **DI64**.

All information which is required to back up the above statements exists in files:

AIR 2/16918

AIR 16/1199
AIR 2/17318
AIR 20/7390
AIR 20/9320
AIR 20/9321
AIR 20/9322
AIR 20/9994
AIR 2/17318
AIR 2/17526
AIR 2/17527
AIR 2/17982
AIR 2/17983
PREM 11/855

We know from statements made to us by serving officers and also former serving officers and officials that many files exist which have never been released to the public. We also hear from Lord Peter Hill Norton, Commander of the Fleet (MOD highest position possible), that in his opinion there is a cover-up and UFOs are of defence significance. **Films and evidence of UFOs are being withheld by the MOD.**

A MOD ruling from 1967 meant that **all UFO reports would be preserved in the Public Records Office** for viewing by the public because of renewed interest in the subject of UFOs. However if the 6 secret MOD departments were investigating UFOs then where are they files relating to this?

We know that documents exist which have not been released to the UK public because these documents have been copies to the US government and have been released to US citizens under the **American Freedom of Information Act**. This release went around UK secrecy laws. Some of these documents show that UFO incidents have taken place on UK soil involving American airbases which have had overflights of UFOs, which subsequently interfered and rendered inoperable some of the **nuclear weapons stored on the base**. The mere fact that these weapons were stored in this airbase is still a top-secret. Proof of the nuclear aspect is available in a new book *LEFT AT EAST GATE* published by Michael O Mara books.

To note - the proposals for a UK Freedom of Information act make it clear that there is **no responsibility for the MOD to take part**. We feel this is a bad situation and would support a total government and military wide Freedom of Information act only.

NOTES ON SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS FILE:

Page 1.

Project Bluebook was the USAF **public** project to investigate UFOs using air force resources. Its leader Dr J Allen Hynek left the project in disgust saying that it was keeping the best and most unexplained records away from the Bluebook files. Subsequently he stated that the conclusions of the report, which were that most sightings could be explained and that no evidence of extraterrestrial life could be determined, was at the very best a cover-up of the highest order.

There were secret level investigations going on behind Project Bluebook which we now know of.

In this letter we see Project Blue book writing to the MOD to make contact with the MOD public UFO civil servant who wrote letters of response (**which were often played down - SEE PAGE 2 para 4, ALSO SEE PAGE 4 point 4**).

Page 2.

MOD responds to Project Bluebook and states that Investigations were carried out as part of the MODs Air Force Technical Intelligence Dept (see pages 4 & 8 which prove this). Because the MOD were writing to another Military unit they were prepared to admit to their investigations at a high level whilst publicly they would only say that one or two civil servant grade MOD employees investigated the subject (re: Nick Pope former UFO desk MOD Airstaff 2a and Kerry Philpott, current employee - SEE PAGE 9) The statement that only Airstaff 2a were investigating UFO reports at a clerical level was made quite clearly by Nick Pope. We feel that this may either be because of Mr Popes still being involved in the MOD and covered by secrecy laws or because he is involved in the cover-up.

SPECIAL NOTE: Read para 4 (green). The MOD admit to a policy of playing down the subject of UFOs. In doing this they avoid public or political pressure to mount a large scale probably PUBLIC investigation on UFOs. It is not the militaries right to make decisions which will affect politics! THIS MAY BE A NOTE TO POLITICAL EDITORS.

Page 3.

Nick Pope was asked directly about Provost and Security Service and RAF Rudloe Manors involvement in UFO investigations. He denied any knowledge of this fact.

Here we see a file letter showing that Provost & Security Service were investigating UFOs and that the files were classified as CONFIDENTIAL. We also see that the MOD sent out officers to interview witnesses which may give rise to certain cases of "Men In Black" or "Men from the Ministry" visitations that have been reported by witnesses over the years. The MOD have denied that they ever sent out officers to visit witnesses. Nick Pope in his book *OPEN SKIES CLOSED MINDS* very firmly states the opinion that no MOD went out and believes that these were just oddball characters who were "Walter Mitty characters" who "dressed up" to scare witnesses and were nothing to do with the MOD.

This file also gives the name of the officer who went out to interview the witness and page 2 of the report (which is not included in this file) goes even further into the fact that officers visited her on a few occasions.

The witness ANN HENSON has now been visited by UFO researchers who confirmed that she was "advised" by the MOD to not talk about her sighting to press or public and not to discuss the MOD investigation. She kept to this silence for 30 years until she was contacted. How many other witnesses have been "advised" not to talk by the MOD?

Page 4.

MOD have made statements that no UFO reports were classified secret yet in this Intelligence report, from one of the Secret UFO investigation units, we see the word SECRET clearly used.

The report describes an object which was moving at speeds EXCEEDING 1400Mph. No explanation could be found for the sighting. The speed was faster than any aircraft of the day.

Officers who were experienced in radar made the estimation that the reported contacts were not those of conventional aircraft.

SPECIAL NOTE: In point 4 we see that the MOD were unhappy to see reports of UFOs getting to the press and that they will choose to play down the subject (SEE PAGE 2 para 4) and report that the sighting was not backed up with radar evidence. **This is clearly then disinformation being used on the British Public - proof again of a cover-up.**

The tone of this statement shows us that these secret investigators would pass on recommendations to civil servants in the publicly known UFO reporting departments to make statements. This way the secret units could operate their investigations without being hindered.

Page 5.

Here are details of some CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) reports of UFOs. The case files will be release to UFO researchers it is imagines ahead of military records (normally 30 years).

Some object reported by credible pilot witnesses range from lights through to oval objects and cigar shaped objects.

Page 6.

Another SECRET report.

This file was classified higher than normal levels or 30 year secret files known about in the public office UFO files of DS8, S6 and Airstaff 2a.

In para 2 we see reference to secret departments who investigate.

Page 7.

This is the second page to follow on to Page 6. We can see here that many RAF Units were informed of the importance of sending their UFO sightings to these Secret Units and the procedures for doing so.

Page 8.

DDI Tech report of an object which ascended from 50,000 ft to 70,000 feet - a ceiling which no aircraft of the day could achieve. Objects observed were as large as ships. Some objects made sharp turns. It was not considered possible that these objects were faults of equipment nor misidentifications but indeed unknown and unconventional aircraft.

Page 9.

Letter from Airstaff 2a to Chris Fowler of Cardiff. This letter admits that RAF Rudloe Manor which houses the Provost and Security Services Unit of the RAF was only involved in collection of UFO reports which were then sent to the airstaff in MOD London to investigate. We have seen that Provost & Security Services were investigating in 1962 on Page 3.

Page 10. Second page to follow page 9.

Page 11. Statements by the PRO that they do not know whereabouts of file AIR 2/16918 which shows new details of secret UFO departments.

They promise to undertake a thorough search of records and files to try to find the missing file.

Page 12.

Assurances by Pro that large efforts will be made to find file after P. Question.

Page 13. Parliamentary Question.

Page 14.

Letter dated 6 days after PQ was issued. File is found - we determined that the file was found 2 days after the PQ was asked. PRO state that file was misfiled in box of the same class - in other words, that it has not left the Public Records Office.

Page 15.

Letter from records management branch of MOD stating that in Nov 1995 someone in the MDO had the missing file. This was backed up by a tape recording of the conversation with Mr I Goode made by Matthew Williams in which Mr Goode was asked a number of times to be sure that his records were correct. He was quite sure his records are correct.

Mr Goode will not say who in the MOD had the file.

Page 17.

Assurances one again by the PRO that the file never left the building.

Page 18. As above.

Page 19. Letter from Kerry Philpott stating that clerical error now shows that Mr I Goode was wrong in his clear statements to us that file was not withdraw or held by MOD. Due to level of cover-up seen in the past we doubt Kerry Philpotts statement.

Page 20. Second page as to above.

Page 21 & 22 self explanatory.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

JUN 15 1965

Dear Mr. Langton:

In keeping with the Air Force role for the air defense of our country, we are responsible for the investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) reported in the skies over the United States. The name of this program which is governed by Air Force Regulation 200-2 is Project Blue Book. A copy of the current report on this project and a copy of the regulation governing the program are attached for your information.

We are interested in obtaining the following information on British UFO activity:

- a. Do you have a Government program comparable to our Project Blue Book?
- b. If so, do you have a scientific consultant?
- c. Are there civilian organizations in your country which are dedicated to the study of UFOs?
- d. How much UFO activity do you have in your country?

Presumably, less than US probably less 1 book

The Air Force scientific consultant to Project Blue Book, Doctor J. Allen Hynek, is planning a trip to London in September. While he is there, he would like to discuss this subject with you.

Thank you for your time and cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
JOHN B. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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1. Blue Book Report
2. AFR 200-2

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Our reference:
Your reference:

24 June 1965

Mr Langton has shown us your letter of the 15th June about Project Blue Book.

In the United Kingdom, the Air Force Department of the Ministry of Defence has the primary responsibility for investigating reports of UFOs, and the reasons for this allocation of responsibility are exactly the same as in your case.

We investigate every case reported to us, and we use every assistance, civilian as well as military, available to us to identify a particular object. For example, we have frequently used the resources of Kodak Ltd., to examine photographs, films and equipment submitted to us. We do not, however maintain a special scientific staff for this purpose. It is normally handled as part of the routine work of our Air Force Technical Intelligence department. Unlike you, however, we do investigate single-observer sightings. Our results over the years are in line with yours viz. in some 90% of cases investigated, we are able to make a positive, rational identification, in 10% we are unable to do so because of insufficient data, and in no case have we unearthed any evidence of extra-terrestrial origin.

Our policy is to play down the subject of UFOs and to avoid attaching undue attention or publicity to it. As a result, we have never had any serious political pressure to mount a large-scale investigation such as Project Blue Book. Indeed, the matter has been raised only once in Parliament in the last 5 or 6 years, and then only in a perfunctory way.

The specific answers to your questions are as follows:-

- a. No
- b. No
- c. Yes, a considerable number
- d. We investigate about 70 cases a year but there are others which are not reported to us, although sometimes reported in the newspapers.

We should be delighted to discuss the matter with Dr Hynek when he comes to London and no doubt you will let us know in due course when he will be here.

Lieutenant Colonel John P. Spaulding,
Civil Branch,
Community Relations Division,
Office of Information,
Department of the Air Force,
Washington DC
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ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

To: Deputy Provost Marshal
Headquarters Provost & Security
Services (United Kingdom)
Government Building,
Bromyard Avenue,
Acton, W.3.

IS/C. 56/62/CIB
FINAL REPORT

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON SEEN AT
TRULL, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

MAP REFERENCE

O.S.G.S. A620 Sheet No. 164 Second Edition NIMSWAD
scale 1 inch to 1 mile (199220)

APPENDICES

- "A" Letter received by R.A.F. CHIVINOR from MISS A. HEYSON.
- "B" Statement of MISS. A. HEYSON.
- "C" Diagram compiled by MISS. A. HEYSON.

INVESTIGATOR

1. No. 4031777 SGT. SCOTT, J., Headquarters Provost and Security Services (U.K.)

ORIGINATING INFORMATION

2. Letter addressed to R.A.F. CHIVINOR from MISS. ANNE HEYSON, CHILLIS OOD FARM, TRULL, TAUNTON, describing an aerial phenomenon seen at night. A copy of Appendix "A" was passed by hand to the Investigator on 24th October, 1962, by Wing Commander C. M. GIBBS, O.B.E., D.F.C., O.C. Flying Wing R.A.F. CHIVINOR.

INVESTIGATION

3. CHILLIS OOD FARM lies 4 miles South East of TAUNTON and is in a fairly isolated position.
4. MISS ANNE HEYSON, aged 16, said Appendix "B", that on 30th August, 1962 between 10.30 p.m. and 10.55 p.m. she opened the window of her room which faces N.N.E. and saw a diminishing star-like object with what appeared to be red and green coloured flames coming from it. It was slightly larger than the average star and appeared to be round. After about 20 minutes it became very small and she could only see it with the aid of Binoculars. She was quite sure that it was not the navigation lights of an aircraft because she had seen these many times and could recognize them immediately. She heard no sound at all. She told her mother and two of her brothers who looked at the object and, after some discussion, said that it must be a star. She made an entry in her diary concerning the matter. She did not look for it again until 17th October, 1962, when she saw the object again which was partially obscured by fog. With the aid of binoculars she compared the object with several stars and noticed that the stars were silvery white whereas the object was red and green. She observed the object as the fog cleared and saw that it did not flash as does an aircraft's navigation lights but was both red and green at the same time, the colours being mixed together as if something was burning and giving off coloured flames. Near to and above the object she noticed another exactly similar but smaller object. She lost sight of both objects when the fog closed in. The following night 18th October, 1962 she saw both objects at 7.30 p.m. She noticed a difference in the colour of the original object which was now emitting green and orange flames in the same way as before. She took a "bearing" with her compass and noticed the object to be at 40° MAG, the second object was at 20° MAG. At 9.47 p.m. she again took a bearing and found that the original object was now at 70° MAG and was now greeny-white in colour. The second object was now at 60° MAG and appeared green in colour. Both objects were still visible when she retired at 10. p.m.

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DAW

D.D.I.(Tech)/8290/

S.6 (Mr. West)

With reference to your letter minute 511/S.6 dated 11th April, 1957, it is regretted that due to an oversight the West Freugh, Wigtownshire incident was listed twice; once as a newspaper report and once as a radar sighting under investigation. The error in listing the incidents means that there were fifteen reports this year. The newspaper reports were, in fact, only two and not three as given.

2. The four reports, simplifications of which you require, are as follows.

Radar sightings under investigation

(a) A report was received from Royal Air Force Church Lawford on 26th March, 1957 of a sighting of an unusual nature. The object moved at a speed timed as exceeding 1400 m.p.h. This in itself was unusual as the object had accelerated to this speed from a stationary position. No explanation has yet been found for this sighting but supplementary report, including a copy of the radar plot, was requested and has been received from Church Lawford this afternoon.

(b) Signals from Royal Air Force Stations Rampton and Lakenheath on 19th March reported unusual responses which did not resemble those from conventional aircraft. Aircraft sent to find the object made no contact with anything in the area of the response.

The meteorological office are at present trying to find whether any unusual phenomena were observed by their stations in that area.

It is possible that the response was due to a seasonal phenomenon known as "Angels" and "Anaprop" which is a result of Inversion and Reflection from the Ionosphere.

(c) Ministry of Supply, Bomb Trials Unit, West Freugh, Wigtownshire picked up an unusual response from an almost stationary object on 4th April 1957; the object was tracked for thirty-six minutes continually increasing in speed while losing height. Enquiries, so far, reveal that no service nor commercial aircraft were in the vicinity at the time. We are at present trying to find out whether a private aircraft might have been in the area at the time.

The possibility of a balloon has been eliminated because the object was proceeding against the wind.

Newspaper Report

(d) A review by the 'Daily Worker' of a book recently published on German wartime weapons contained references to a German flying saucer which was flown at a speed of 1250 m.p.h. to a height of 40,000 ft.

3. The Wigtownshire report referred to in para 5 of our minute 3 of folder P.Q. 193/57 is the same incident as reported in the news cuttings forwarded with your minute and returned herewith.

4. It is unfortunate that the Wigtownshire radar incident fell into the hands of the press. The two other radar incidents have not been made public and reached us by means of official secret channels. We suggest that S. of S. does not specifically refer to these incidents as radar sightings. We suggest that in answering the original question S. of S. might reply:-

"Of the fifteen incidents reported this year ten have been identified as conventional objects, two contain insufficient information for identification and three are under investigation."

5. If supplementary questions are asked the S. of S. might wish to refer to the answer given to Major Wall on 4th May 1955. Reports received since that date do not suggest that there need be any change in the answer given at that time.

[Signature]
D.D.I.

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A/C Type      Operator    Regn    Location    Date      Occnum    P/Pub
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B737 200      BRITANNIA  G-BAZG   NR LEEDS    5 JUL 78  7802646F P
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CAA Narrative:

UNIDENTIFIED BRIGHT LIGHT SEEN 11 O'CLOCK ABOVE

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A/C Type      Operator    Regn    Location    Date      Occnum    P/Pub
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B727 -100     DAN-AIR    G-BAJW   VICENZA    19 SEP 79  7904369X P
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CAA Narrative:

UFO OBSERVED PASSING 200FT BELOW A C
MILAN CONTROL REPORTED "NO TRAFFIC."

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A/C Type      Operator    Regn    Location    Date      Occnum    P/Pub
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B727          DAN-AIR    G-BCDA   VICENZA    11 JUN 80  8003311C P
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CAA Narrative:

UFO PASSED CLOSE TO SUBJECT AIRCRAFT
OBJECT APPEARED TO BE LIKE A FIGHTER AIRCRAFT DROP TANK.

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A/C Type      Operator    Regn    Location    Date      Occnum    P/Pub
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B727          DAN-AIR    G-BHNE   LYON       13 FEB 81  8100542C P
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CAA Narrative:

UNIDENTIFIED FOREIGN OBJECT SEEN ON A C RADAR
A SIZEABLE OVAL SHAPED TARGET APPEARED ON RADAR CENTRE-LINE AT LIMIT OF RANGE
TRACKING TOWARDS A/C AT VERY HIGH SPEED. NO VISUAL SIGHTING MADE.

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A/C Type      Operator    Regn    Location    Date      Occnum    P/Pub
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B727          DAN-AIR    G -BKCG  DINKELBUH  12 JUN 82  8201614C S
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CAA Narrative:

LARGE TRANSLUCENT OBJECT, APPROX 500FT LONG, OBSERVED AT 41000FT.
ATCC REQUESTED SUBJECT A/C TO INVESTIGATE THIS OBJECT WHICH WAS FOUND TO HAVE
THE FORM OF A DOUBLE RECTANGLE SURMOUNTED BY A GLOBE (EGG SHAPE) CROWNED BY A
SILVER CONE. OBJECT OBSERVED BY ALL ON BOARD.

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From : Headquarters No. 11 Group
 To : See Distribution List
 Date : 6th December, 1956
 Ref : IIG/S.1803/7/Air Int.

Reports on Aerial Phenomena

1. Recent reports on aerial phenomena show that some units are unaware of this Headquarters letter reference IIG/C.2802/0/Int. dated 16th December, 1953, and Fighter Command Headquarters letter FC/S.45406/Signals, dated 18th January, 1953, which was sent to Headquarters Metropolitan and Southern Sectors (for onward transmission to appropriate Radar units) under reference IIG/C.3351/OPS, C & R, dated 21st January, 1953. These letters give instructions for reporting and the action to be taken in regard to the detection of unusual aerial phenomena. So that units may know the action to be taken in future sightings, the letters referred to above are summarised in the following paragraphs.
2. Sightings of aerial phenomena by Royal Air Force personnel are to be reported in writing by Officers Commanding Units immediately and directed to Air Ministry (D.D.I. (Tech.)) with copies to Group and Command Headquarters. In addition, any reports from civilians received by units should be acknowledged formally in writing and copies of the reports themselves forwarded direct to Air Ministry (D.D.I. (Tech.)).
3. It will be appreciated that the public attach more credence to reports by Royal Air Force personnel than to those by members of the public. It is essential that the information should be examined at Air Ministry and that its release should be controlled officially. All reports are, therefore, to be classified "CONFIDENTIAL" and personnel are to be warned that they are not to communicate to anyone other than official persons any information about phenomena they have observed, unless officially authorised to do so.
4. Radar detection of unusual targets is to be reported by stations through the normal channels. They should make a special report of any unusual response, i.e. any responses moving at a ground speed exceeding 700 kts. at any height and at any speed above 60,000 feet.
5. When an unusual response is seen, the supervisor or N.C.O. i/c watch should be informed and he should then check that the echo is not spurious, and arrange for the necessary records to be made to provide the information listed in para. 6 below.
6. Reports on such phenomena should contain, a personal assessment of, and where applicable a copy of, the following:-

- (a) Appearance of the echo.
- (b) The signal strength of the echo (strong, medium and weak) throughout the time of observation, including pick-up and fade points.
- (c) Range and bearing of initial plot and fade points.

HQ. SOUTHERN
 SECTOR

12 DEC 1956

CENTRAL RECORDS Y

FILED ON.....

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(d) Ground speed.

(e) Whether painting of echo is continuous or intermittent.

(f) A copy of the record sheets, together with a track tracing.

(G.D. EDWARDS)

Squadron Leader,
 For Senior Air Staff Officer
 Headquarters No. 11 Group
Royal Air Force

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Unidentified Objects at West Freugh

1. On the morning of April 4th radar operators at West Freugh detected unidentified objects on the screens of their radars. A summary of this incident is given below.
2. The object was first observed as a stationary return on the screen of a radar at Balacalloch. Although its range remained appreciably constant for about 10 minutes its height appeared to alter from about 50,000 to 70,000 ft. A second radar was switched on and detected the "object" at the same range and height.
3. The radar sets used were capable of following objects automatically besides being manually operated. The information is obtained in the form of polar coordinates but it can be converted to give plan position indication together with heights. This information can be fed into a plotting board which displays the position of the object by means of an electronically operated pen, while the height is shown on a meter.
4. The unidentified object was tracked on the plotting table, each radar being switched on to the table in turn to check for discrepancies. After remaining at one spot for about ten minutes the pen moved slowly in a N.E. direction, and gradually increased speed. A speed check was taken which showed a ground speed of 70 m.p.h., the height was then 54,000 ft.
5. At this time another radar station 20 miles away, equipped with the same type of radars, was asked to search for the "object". A echo was picked up at the range and bearing given and the radar was "locked-on".
6. After the "object" had travelled about 20 miles it made a very sharp turn and proceeded to move S.E. at the same time increasing speed. Here the reports of the two radar stations differ in details. The one at Balacalloch tracked an "object" at about 50,000 ft at a speed of about 240 m.p.h. while the other followed an "object" or "objects" at 14,000 ft. As the "objects" travelled towards the second radar site the operator detected four "objects" moving in line across about 4,000 yards from each other. This observation was confirmed later by the other radars, for when the object they were plotting passed out of range they were able to detect four other smaller objects before they too passed out of range.
7. It was noted by the radar operators that the sizes of the echoes were considerably larger than would be expected from normal aircraft. In fact they considered that the size was nearer that of a ship's echo.
8. It is deduced from these reports that altogether five objects were detected by the three radars. At least one of these rose to an altitude of 70,000 ft while remaining appreciably stationary in azimuth and range. All of these objects appeared to be capable of speeds of about 240 m.p.h. Nothing can be said of physical construction of the objects except that they were very effective reflectors of radar signals, and that they must have been either of considerable size or else constructed to be especially good reflectors.
9. There were not known to be any aircraft in the vicinity nor were there any meteorological balloons. Even if balloons had been in the area these would not account for the sudden change of direction and the movement at high speed against the prevailing wind.
10. Another point which has been considered is that the type of radar used is capable of locking onto heavily charged clouds. Clouds of this nature could extend up to the heights in question and cause abnormally large echoes on the radar screens. It is not thought however that this incident was due to such phenomena.

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11. It is concluded that the incident was due to the presence of five reflecting objects of unidentified type and origin. It is considered unlikely that they were conventional aircraft, meteorological balloons or charged clouds.



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D/Sec(AS)/64/3

Date

14 December 1995

Dear Mr Fowler


1. Thank you for your letter of 19 November.
2. If I may clarify once more, that the Ministry of Defence looks at reports of sightings of "unexplained" aerial activity in order to determine whether there is any evidence of a matter which might be of defence concern. If there is no such evidence our interest in the sighting ceases and no further official action is appropriate. To date the MOD is not aware of any evidence which might substantiate the existence of craft or lifeforms of extraterrestrial origin, and no threat to the UK has been discerned which has been attributed to a "UFO".
3. Your letter mentions the role of RAF Rudloe Manor. Rudloe Manor is the Headquarters of the RAF Police, which does serve as a focal point, amongst other things, for flying complaints. In the past, Rudloe Manor was indeed the RAF coordination point for reports of "unexplained" aerial sightings. However, once received they were simply forwarded to Sec(AS)2 for appropriate action. Nowadays Rudloe Manor, along with other RAF stations, forward such reports directly to this office. I can confirm that RAF Rudloe Manor does not carry out any research into "UFOs" or any related matter.
4. I should now like to reply to your four specific points in sequence:

Q1. Abduction is a criminal offence and as such is a matter for the civil police to investigate. As regard "abduction by alien lifeforms", as the MOD is not aware of any evidence which might substantiate existence of extraterrestrial activity of the type to which you allude, this is a non-issue as far as the MOD is concerned.

Q2. I have looked through our "UFO" reports file for May 1994 and there were no reports of sightings of "UFOs" in the Swindon area made to the MOD.

Q3. As you clearly watched "Schofields Quest" you will have seen that the MOD gave a statement to the programme researchers, which was infact shown during the programme. Although we did receive a report of "two lights in the sky" from a witness in Crick, Matlock, at around 2330 hrs on 23 Aug 94, we were satisfied that there was no evidence to suggest that the sighting represented a matter of defence concern. There were no military aircraft booked into Night Low Flying training sector 3A on the evening in question. As you are aware, if there is no evidence which indicates a matter of defence significance there is no requirement, and we are not resourced, to undertake investigations to establish the precise nature of every seemingly inexplicable sight in the sky.

Q4. As with Question 2, I have looked through our "UFO" reports file for July 1994 and there were reported sightings of "UFOs" made to the MOD in the Wiltshire area.

Yours Sincerely


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20 March 1997

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Dear Mr Wyn Jones,

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE DOCUMENT AIR 2/16918

The Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department, has asked me to reply for the Public Record Office to your question about this document.

The document was open to public inspection in July 1990. Under the Public Records Acts 1958 and 1967, once a document has been opened to public inspection it cannot be closed again. Documents may be withdrawn temporarily by their department of origin, but this did not happen with AIR 2/16918 and even if it had happened arrangements could have been made for it to be consulted at the Ministry of Defence.

We know from our records of document usage that AIR 2/16918 was consulted by members of the public on several occasions between 1990 and 1996. In April 1996, it was in our Reprographic section for some photographs to be taken, but it appears that it was subsequently misplaced and, despite several searches, we have so far been unable to locate it.

I am very sorry that it is currently unavailable for consultation and we shall continue to search for it. I shall let you know when we find it. By way of explanation, but not in mitigation, I should add that we hold several million documents on 160 kilometres of shelving, processing over a million document movements each year, and that occasionally and regrettably human error does lead to misplacements.

*Yours sincerely,
Sarah Tyacke*

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21 March 1997

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Dear Dr Ridyard

Thank you for your letter of 16 March to Peter Brooker.

Your MP, Mr Wyn Jones, has raised this matter as a Parliamentary Question and I enclose a copy of our reply for your information.

I can assure^{you} that enormous efforts have been made already to locate this file, and that these are continuing. This matter, which is one I am taking very seriously indeed, has caused me to review our rules for staff use of the records and I am introducing new and draconian measures to ensure that the risk of such misplacements is in future kept to an absolute minimum.

I am grateful to you for your kind comments about our staff. I can assure you that the search for AIR 2/16918 will continue and that we will let you know when we find it.

Do not hesitate to come back to me if I can be of any further help.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Hallam Smith

DR ELIZABETH HALLAM SMITH
Director of Public Services

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER ON
FRIDAY 21 MARCH 1997**

24 MAR 1997

QUESTION: MR IELUAN WYN JONES: To ask the Parliamentary Secretary, Lord
302 Chancellor's Department, if he will make a statement on public access to
Public Record Office document AIR 2/16918. (21359)

ANSWER: MR GARY STREETER: The question concerns a matter which has been
assigned to the Public Record Office under the terms of its framework
document. I have therefore asked the Chief Executive to write to the
honourable Member.

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Dear Dr Ridyard

I am delighted to report that we have now located AIR 2/16918, which had been misplaced in another box belonging to the same class. Please contact Clive Hawkins, of our Repository Department, (telephone no 0181 876 3444 ext 2250), or Vivienne Bales (telephone no 0181 392 5259) if you would like it ordered up for you in advance of your next visit.

Yours sincerely

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Thank you for your letter dated 14 April 1997.

I can confirm that AIR 2/16918 was in MOD's hands last year and was returned to the Public Record Office on the 9 November 1996.

I understand that the file was originally released, in 1994, in a sanitised form. It is established practice, when sanitising files, to ensure that pages thus affected are clearly identified, for example a photocopy of a page with sensitive information excluded would be marked "retained in department under Section 3(4)" or something very similar.

Following a change of policy in 1995 it was decided, in light of the Open Government initiative, our early concerns were no longer valid and previously excluded information could now be released. With the file already in the public domain the extracts were transferred to the PRO on 22 November 1995. Any subsequent action to re-establish extracted papers, either by re-inserting or attaching to the original file, rests with the PRO.

On the general question of extraction from files departments can remove papers for reasons of sensitivity prior to the opening of files. But once the file is open papers can not be removed, whatever the reason.

So far as your final question is concerned I regret that I can provide no further information as to what happened to the file after its arrival in the MOD.

I hope that you find the above information helpful.

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Dear Mr Conway

DOCUMENT AIR 2/16918

Thank you for your letter of 7 May 1997 with reference to AIR 2/16918.

The information outlined below has been taken from the PRO Records Information System (RIS) which tracks location and usage of all documents. As the document is moved from its storage shelf to a reader or department its location is recorded by a bar coding scanning system connected to RIS at fixed points. A limitation of the system is that the final recording of the document being returned to store is at the entry point to the repository floor and not at its shelf location. As we produce (ie retrieve from storage) well in excess of 2000 documents a day human error occurs and occasionally documents are returned to their wrong locations. Secondly, the scanning system occasionally fails to record correctly and a document can be back in store while RIS shows that it is still in use elsewhere. The next request for the document will be 'frustrated'. A combination of the two, which occurred on this occasion, is often very difficult to correct. Regrettably, the fact that this document was 'missing' through three further requests was through a combination of the volume of our throughput related to resources and a failure to use the correct follow-up procedures between March and May 1996. What we do know is that the document did not leave the Kew building at any stage throughout this period.

Prior to the document being recovered from its incorrect location on 25 March 1997 the document had last been recorded on RIS as being produced and seen on 26 March 1996. The subsequent sequence of events was as follows:

Mr Conway

16 May 1997

- 26 March 1996: Requisitioned by PRO Photo Estimates Department - produced but no record of return. Under standard time usage by Photo Estimates, the document would have been returned in early April 1996.
- 8 May 1996: Requisitioned by PRO Government Services Department along with two other AIR 2 documents on same subject - 16918 'frustrated' but the others were produced.
- 14 May 1996: Again requisitioned by PRO Estimates Department - 'frustrated'
- 17 February 1997: Document ordered by reader - 'frustrated'. This was followed by a systematic search of the repositories including the gradual inspection of other documents in the AIR 2 Class.
- 25 March 1997: Missing document found having been misfiled in a wrong box within the same Class.

Our search procedure for a missing documents is based upon experience and the gradual systematic examination of all documents produced in the 10 days following its last recorded use. This can involve up to 20,000 documents and, therefore, takes considerable time and resources. On this occasion the document was found inside another document of the same Class that had not been used in the period around its last recorded use and, therefore, had not followed the usual pattern of misfiling.

I again offer my apologise for the document being unavailable for such a long period. Please let me know if I can provide any further information on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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2. It is the case, as with other government departments, that MOD files are subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967. This Act of Parliament states that official files generally remain closed from public viewing for 30 years after the last action has been taken. The files selected for preservation are then transferred to the Public Record Office for release into the public domain.
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AIR 20/9320	AIR 2/17526
AIR 20/9321	AIR 2/17527
AIR 20/9322	AIR 2/17982
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4. You may also find it helpful to know that the Cabinet Office has the responsibility for taking forward the Government's manifesto pledge to introduce a Freedom of Information Act. The



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timetable currently envisaged involves the publication of a White Paper before this year's Summer Recess. This would be followed by a period of open consultation leading to a draft Bill early next year and further consultation.

5. Finally, you will wish to know that I have contacted the CS(Records Management) branch concerned with regard to the comments contained in the first paragraph of your letter about the location of a MOD file (AIR 2/16918). They have established that due to a clerical error, the date given in their letter to Mr Matthew Williams of 15 April 1997 was incorrect. The file was not with the MOD last year since the date should have read 9 November 1995.

6. I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Phillips', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Dear Miss Philpott,

1. Thank you for your letters of 10th and 11th June regarding my addresses to yourself and the PM in respect of unidentified flying objects.
2. With respect to Paragraph 5 of your letter of the 11th, we will have to agree to differ on our opinions regarding the disappearance and relocation of AIR 2/16918. Although your typographical error explanation is an interesting possibility, it fails to take account of why the D8/2 letter to Mathew Williams said, and I quote *I can confirm that AIR 2/16918 was in MOD's hands last year.*
3. In the spirit of the forthcoming FOI legislation, I would be grateful to the MOD if a commitment was made to start releasing all UFO related documentation from 1952 to the present day with the utmost urgency. References to members of public on official documentation will of course have to be "blacked out"; however, there should be no other censorship.
4. I would be grateful if the relevant government bodies would consult with me on a regular basis following the publication of the White Paper.
5. Can you also confirm to me that given the now levianthine public interest in this subject (look at any WH Smith magazine department if you do not believe me) that UFOs will be made an exceptional case with the forthcoming FOI legislation and representations will be made in the White Paper to include mandatory press conferences whenever UFOs are witnessed by (i) Military personnel (including radar operators), (ii) Civil Airline personnel (including radar operators), (iii) security personnel (police, fire-crew etc) and (iv) medical personnel (medical evidence for CE2, CE3 and CE4s, withholding patient details of course).
6. Regarding your letter of the 10th June, As you quite rightly point out, I am well aware of the MOD's stance on UFOs - misguided as it is. Once again, I will refer you to the report of Lt Col Charles Hatt on the Rendlesham Forest Incident (Report dated 13/01/81) where he categorically stated in Paragraph 2 that abnormal radiation measurements were taken in the vicinity of the UFO landing site. This in itself is of grave defence significance, especially given the fact that one of the military witnesses suffered radiation sickness (Defence Role 2 1) and is attested to in Larry Warren's "Left at East Gate" Pub. Michael O'Mara Books Ltd., 1997. It is also solid physical evidence that UFO/flying saucers exist.
7. Prior to the publication of the White Paper, I once again point out to you that your policy statement *To date, the MOD remains unaware of any evidence which proves that "UFO/flying saucers" or extraterrestrial lifeforms exist* is contradictory to facts put forward by government departments and first hand military testimony. Again, it would be helpful for me to explain.-

CASE 1: I will start with the case of Ff Lt J Kilburn and five of his associates who reported a silver circular object (symmetrical shape would indicate intelligent construction) that descended with a pendular motion then accelerated away with, and I quote "incredible speed". The craft was in fact responding intelligently to an approaching Glaston Meteor. This incident occurred on 19th September 1952 at RAF Topcliffe in Yorks and the memo of Ff Lt Kilburn is held in the Public Record Office (Ref AIR 16/1199). A postscript to this story is that in Germany (1975 I think) a photograph of a similar object that flew with similar technically advanced characteristics was photographed (Ref: "Open Skies, Closed Minds" by Nick Pope, Pub. Simon & Schuster, 1996).
- CASE 2:** Personnel at RAF Church Lawford witnessed a craft accelerate from a stationary position to 1400mph on 26 March 1957. The craft was also tracked by radar. This was recorded on a declassified memo from DDI (Tech) and is held in The Public Record Office (Ref AIR 20/9320). By its very nature, this was a craft under intelligent control. It may well have been remotely piloted as the G-forces would have been quite prohibitive; however, I do not wish to go into the realms of speculation. It would be sufficient to say that the "foreign object" was under intelligent control, otherwise it would not be hovering and flying !!!
- CASE 3:** Radar Operators at West Freugh detected some anomalous radar returns on April 4th 1957. Information referring to this is held in Public Record Office Document AIR 20/9321. From the document I will quote "It was noted by the radar operators that the sizes of the echoes were considerably larger than would be expected from normal aircraft. In fact they considered that the size was nearer a ships echo" and "It is concluded that the incident was due to the presence of five reflecting objects of unidentified type and origin". A meteorological explanation was also considered unlikely. Again I will stress that there must have been some intelligent control for the objects to have flown as I understand that the laws of gravity are very stringent on this particular point !!!
- There is also some personal interest in these flying levianthins in that primary school children and a teacher witnessed one at Rhos-y-Nod on Anglesey in 1978; however, your own interest would probably be in the CAA mandatory occurrence report no 8201614C. Again, this craft displayed intelligent construction (silver cone and egg-shaped globe) and intelligent control in that (and I apologise for bringing this up again) it did not come down to earth with a bump.
- CASE 4:** A meteorological officer at RAF Shawbury had the fright of his life when he witnessed a triangular (and yes, intelligently controlled!) craft on the night of April 30 1993. The date itself would suggest some intelligence involved. Although the details of this incident have not been made public (soon hopefully !), some particulars are attested to in "Open Skies, Closed Minds" (a highly recommendable read). These triangular shaped objects seem to be popping up everywhere from the former Home Secretary's residence (extra defence significance !) to Manchester Airport (AIRPROX (P) 2/95).
- CASE 5:** I will finish off with Rendlesham Forest. Again, we have an intelligently controlled, intelligently structured (not to mention environmentally unfriendly judging by the *induced* radioactivity !) craft witnessed by a large number of trained military personnel.
8. No doubt I could further elaborate; however, I think I have made my point. To summarise:-

(i) Call them what you will, bright lights, foreign objects, UFOs, flying saucers. A solid object that flies in defiance of gravity is under normal circumstances and to all intents and purposes, under intelligent control.

(ii) Structured craft represent intelligent design.

(iii) There have been a lot of credible sightings of structured unidentified craft whose aerial performance parameters far exceed current state of the art technology.

9. In mitigation, I would say that a trained observer such as a pilot or a weather observer is not infallible when it comes to witnessing unidentified craft; however, a large number of trained observers and their testimony, especially when backed up by physical evidence such as radar and radiation tracks cannot under any circumstances be dismissed.

10. I respectfully ask yourself and your Department heads to pause and reflect on the contents of this letter. There can only be one logical conclusion to this and speaking as a scientist, I believe you should adopt it as your policy statement:-

"Intelligently controlled unidentified craft with design and performance parameters that far exceed current state of the art aircraft design are on occasion being witnessed by military/civilian aircrew/personnel. These unidentified craft are also on occasion penetrating the UK air defence region."

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Dear Mrs. Field,

You may be aware of me as during the last few years I have written to Air Staff 2a on many occasions concerning the phenomena of UFOs and the MoD's involvement with them. I would now like to make an official complaint concerning the staff that are under you as the many highly valid questions that I have asked have received far from satisfactory answers, and on many occasions have been completely ignored. Perhaps you can actually answer the question that I have asked a number of times, which is:-

1/ How does the MoD know that the unexplained UFO reports (such as the UFO sighting that was video recorded along with helicopters over Mallock on August 23rd 1994) are of no defence significance when you say that no attempt is made to determine what the UFOs are and may represent?

2/ Also why does the MoD not regard the Bentwaters UFO incidents of December 1980 as being of defence significance when they occurred right next to nuclear capable military bases. Statements made by Charles Halt have also confirmed that the UFOs seen at the time actually penetrated the airspace over the bases, where beams of light were seen to shoot down from the UFOs! Radiation readings taken by the MoD at the sites where the UFOs were seen showed abnormal levels. Is it possible to obtain copies of these radiation reports? Also can the MoD officially comment on the book about these incidents titled 'Left At East Gate' by Larry Warren and Peter Robbins.

3/ Regarding PRO document AIR 2/16918. Kerry Philpott's reply of June 11th 1997 to Dr. Colin Ridyard's letter to Tony Blair gives a far from satisfactory explanation for the contradictions of this document's whereabouts. Not only did Mr. I Goode from D8/2 confirm in writing to Matthew Williams that they had the document *whilst* we were told it was missing, he also confirmed it more than once during a phone conversation with Matthew Williams. The answer that it was a clerical error is a weak one which we simply do not believe, especially since we were told in the first place by staff at the PRO that the MoD had requested the document.

4/ Concerning the sighting of a UFO from Pinchurst, Swindon in 1994, footage of which was featured on BBC 2's programme 'Fortean Review of 1994' a few years ago. I have contacted Air Traffic Control at RAF Lyneham and they were very helpful with my enquiry, much more so than Kerry Philpott was. Squadron Leader D Morrison confirmed to me that two of his controllers were involved in the programme, which in turn confirms that the UFO, seen on the video as a metallic disc, was visible on their Radar screens, just as the programme claimed. This incident changes the MoD's statement that no structured craft have penetrated the UK's airspace.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,